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1. A conference of EKM plant managers.

a. A meeting was held at Halle on 11 March 1952 to consider the production difficulties of firms belonging to the EKM group. Those present were Dumpke, fnu, representing the Ministry of Heavy Machine Construction, and the plant managers of the following concerns:

Dampfkesselbau Hohenthurm Dieselmotorenwerk Rostock¹ Goerlitzer Maschinenbau VEB Dampfkesselbau Meerane Bergmann-Borsig VEB

b. During the meeting the following information was given on the current activities of firms belonging to the EKM group.

2. General.

a. Boiler plate. Production throughout the group is hindered by a continuing shortage of boiler plate. On an average, 50% of all boiler plate received from the DDR rolling mills is rejected as substandard. In reply to complaints, officials of the rolling mills have stated that rejections usually occur because of the inferior quality of the raw materials with which they have to work. Thus the Stahl- und Walzwerk Brandenburg VEB has complained of a shortage of hematite and also that instead of 26% pig iron required for the production of high grade steels, it normally receives only 10% iron. As a result, production during the first quarter of 1952 is likely to be 1,750 tons below the planned total.

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- b. Turbine shaft forges. As there are no large forging presses in the DDR, rough forged parts which are to be refined in the DDR, must be obtained from Czechoslovakia. Although long term contracts have been signed, supplies have fallen short of the planned figure.
- c. Turbine blade steel. There is no shortage in the DDR.
- 3. Kompressorenwerke, Rostock.²

Large forgings are obtained from Thaelmannwerk, Rostock (sic). As these forgings have a high molybdenum content, the Kompressorenwerke must supply the Thaelmannwerk with the necessary molybdenum before the forgings can be guaranteed.

- 4. EKM Bergmann-Borsig VEB.
 - a. The firm is currently carrying out a large order of boilers for Hungary. The raw materials for the boiler tubes are first sent to Hungary where the tubes are rolled. The tubing is then returned to Bergmann-Borsig for processing into boiler tube after which the tubes and boiler drums are sent to Hungary for assembly.
 - b. The firm was informed by Dumpke that springs and spring steel required to fulfil its contracts during 1952 would be purchased in West Berlin
 - c. Production of turbines is to commence shortly. Technical advisers are to be sent from EKM Goerlitzer Maschinenbau VEB.
- 5. EKM Zwickau Maschinenfabrik VEB

This firm is carrying out an order for pressers (sic) for Poland.

- 6. EKM Goerlitzer Maschinenbau VEB (formerly WUMAG) (sic).
 - a. A large second-hand machine for turned parts was imported from Hamburg late in 1951. It is the only one of its kind in the DDR. A turbine gear ring weighing 52 tons was fitted into the machine in March 1952 and machining was expected to take two and one half months. It is hoped to reduce the time required for subsequent rings to seven weeks.
 - b. The firm has a casting shop for large turbine: parts but ... no heavy cranes.
- 7. Dieselmotorenwerk, Rostockl

This works has been merged with the former (sic) Industriewerke, Rostock.3

8. EKM Mitteldeutscher Feuerungsbau Leipzig, Holzhausen.

This plant is working on a new boiler design and will not be included in the 1952 boiler construction program.

9. Lauchhammer coking plant.

Because of shortages of boiler plate, the new coking plant now under construction will not be completed in 1952 as had originally been planned.

10. Wismut AG.

This firm has ordered the following boilers for delivery during 1952:

- 1 boiler, 40 tons per hour output
- 4 boilers, 12 tons per hour output

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	motorenwerk Rostock	was formerly in VVB Hochseeschiffbau and is now directly
	under the Ministry 10	or Machine Construction.
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3• [Comment: Rostock, is no longer	Available reference material indicates that Industriewerke, under VVB VVW.

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